



## State Revolving Fund Loan Programs Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

### PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**TOWN OF SPEEDWAY  
WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS  
ENGINEERING, FINANCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES  
SRF # DW 11 07 49 02**

**Date: September 26, 2011**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Speedway's Preliminary Engineering Report dated September 16, 2011 describing the engineering, financial and legal services for the Water Works Improvements will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement.

*Why is additional environmental review not required?*

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address:                    **Engineering, Financial and Legal Services**  
   **Speedway Water Works Improvements**  
   Town of Speedway  
   1450 N. Lynhurst Drive  
   Speedway, IN 46224

SRF Project Number:                            DW 11 07 49 02

Authorized Representative:                    Barbara Lawrence  
   Town Manager

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

Speedway is located in Marion County. The engineering, financial and legal professional services project will address proposed Water Works Improvements and will not involve construction.

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The scope of this project is to finance engineering, financial and legal professional services for the Speedway Water Works Improvement projects. The town proposes to design improvements to its surface water intake structure, surface water treatment plant, ground water treatment plant, and groundwater wells.

The engineering services for the production wells and intake structure project will consist of planning engineering, design engineering, bid phase services, construction phase services, and resident engineering services. Planning engineering services will address the needs of the Ground Water Treatment Plant and the Surface Water Treatment Plant. The financial services and legal services are related to the bond issue.

The improvements are necessary so the town can meet state and federal regulations, as well as existing and future water demands; provide greater operational efficiencies and redundancies; and to replace aging equipment that has gone beyond its useful life.

There are no feasible alternatives to the proposed action. The "No Action" alternative was rejected by the town, since the need to design improvements at the existing treatment plants, surface water intake and groundwater wells would not be addressed.

#### IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

##### Selected Plan Estimated Cost Summary

<u>Components</u>	<u>Costs</u>
1. Production Wells and Intake Structure Engineering	\$ 349,540
2. Groundwater and Surface Water WTP Engineering	137,460
3. Financial Fees	35,000
4. Legal Fees	35,000
5. Other Financial Expenses	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total Estimated Project Cost</b>	<b>\$ 560,000</b>

The city will borrow approximately \$560,000 through a 20-year State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) loan at an interest rate to be determined at loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

#### V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The engineering, financial and legal services project will have no physical impact on the environment. Consistent with the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to effects to historic properties.

#### VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The town held a properly noticed public hearing on July 11, 2011 at the Speedway Town Hall to discuss the water works improvements. The town did not receive written comments in the 5-day period following the hearing.